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S.G.W.U. GASPE CAMPUS

Sir George Williams University is bringing its courses directly to the community. And the community in this case extends to the Gaspé.

The courses are for elementary and high school teachers who need them as part of their professional development. Senior level evening credit courses are being given through the Lakeshore Regional School Board in Valois, the Southshore Regional School Board in Longueuil, Baldwin-Cartier in Pointe Claire, the Montreal Catholic School Commission in Rosemount, the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, and the Gaspé Regional School Board in New Richmond and New Carlisle.

Over 200 teachers are part of the seven courses in thirteen classes. The courses cover art for classroom use, early childhood education, mathematics for elementary school teachers, and applied linguistics. The latter, for Montreal Catholic School Commission teachers, are from the Teaching of English as a Second Language program normally given during the summer at Sir George.

The courses, given at the regional schools two hours each week, will run through April. Except the mathematics program in the Gaspé; intensified sessions end in January there because lecturer Alan Sutherland won't be able to go once winter sets in.

Jim McBride, assistant vice-principal academic, sees the program as one way Sir George can respond to community needs. "We are going to them because they can't come to us," he says. Future such outside professional development courses in engineering, commerce and sciences are being considered for the continuing education program.

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